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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of this Body are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Grace Mae (White) Harrell is celebrating the 100th anniversary of her birth; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrell was born on June 16, 1906, to Louella Mae and Ira Edward White in Haines Township, Marion County; she is the second of 17 children; and

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WHEREAS, She worked in factories all her life, starting at about age 14; she worked in the Sexton garment factory in Salem and later at the dress factory in Salem; she finally went to work in the shoe factory, where she retired at the age of 65; and

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WHEREAS, Grace married Orin (Ted) Harrell, and they lived in Odin their entire married life; Ted died in 1983, and Mrs. Harrell continued to reside in Odin until 2002, when she moved to Great Oaks Boarding Home in Salem; she is a member of the Odin Methodist Church and attended regularly until she went to the boarding home; and

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WHEREAS, In her younger days, Mrs. Harrell loved to sew, quilt, crochet, and do embroidery work and was an excellent cook; she and Ted especially enjoyed attending dances together; and

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WHEREAS, She can recite long poems and has a wonderful sense of humor; when the weather is nice, Mrs. Harrell enjoys walking around outside of the boarding home; she is a thoughtful, considerate person with a good sense of humor and

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1 has always been a hard worker; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Harrell's son, Frederick Cecil Hazlet, the
3 joy of her life, passed away in 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, A reception will be held in her honor on Friday,
5 June 16, 2006, at 2 p.m.; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Grace Mae Harrell on the occasion of her 100th
9 birthday, and we extend to her our sincere best wishes for the
10 future; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to her as an expression of our respect and esteem.